

Claims

1. A set of two or more spray guns for use when applying two or more types of fluid coating to an article, the spray guns bearing a recognisable coding sequence indicating the sequence by which the spray guns are to be used.
2. A set according to Claim 1 wherein the spray guns bear a recognisable coding sequence comprising colours or numbers or letters or words or symbols.
3. A set according to Claim 2 wherein the recognisable coding sequence is a recognisable colour sequence.
4. A set according to Claim 3 wherein the recognisable colour sequence consists of the colours green, amber and red.
5. A set according to any one of the preceding claims wherein each spray gun comprises a body, a handle attached thereto, a spray head secured to the spray gun body, a trigger for operating the spray gun, and a connector for attachment to a compressed air supply for providing atomisation and spray pattern shaping air, a member of the recognisable coding sequence being located on an upper part of each spray gun.
6. A set according to any one of the preceding claims wherein each spray gun comprises a reservoir for supplying the fluid coating to be sprayed, a member of the recognisable coding sequence being located on at least part of each reservoir.
7. A set according to Claim 6 wherein the reservoir is attached to the upper part of the body.
8. A set according to Claim 6 or Claim 7 wherein the reservoir comprises a feed

cup.

9. A set according to Claim 8 wherein the feed cup comprises a removable lid.
- 5 10. A set according to Claim 9 wherein the recognisable coding sequence is located on at least part of the removable lid.
- 10 11. A set of two or more spray guns wherein each spray gun comprises a body, a handle attached thereto, a spray head secured to the spray gun body, a trigger for operating the spray gun, and a connector for attachment to a compressed air supply for providing atomisation and spray pattern shaping air, a feed cup attached to the upper part of the body for supplying the fluid coating to be sprayed, the feed cup comprising a removable lid, each removable lid bearing a member of a recognisable coding sequence consisting of the colours green,
 - 15 amber and red indicating the sequence by which the spray guns are to be used.
 12. A set according to any one of Claims 8 to 11 wherein the feed cup is detachable.
 - 20 13. A set according to any one of Claims 8 to 12 wherein the feed cup and/or the removable lid is/are formed from a plastics material.
 14. A set according to Claim 3 or any claim dependent thereon, wherein each spray gun has a reservoir filled with a different fluid coating, each reservoir bearing a
 - 25 different member of the recognisable colour sequence, and wherein for at least one reservoir, the colour of the fluid coating is dissimilar to the colour of the particular member of the recognisable colour sequence borne by the said reservoir.
 - 30 15. A set of two or more detachable feed cups suitable for use with a single spray gun or a set of spray guns as defined in any one of the preceding Claims, the

feed cups together bearing a recognisable coding sequence as defined in any one of the preceding Claims.

- 5 16. A set of two or more removable lids suitable for use with a set as defined in Claim 15, the removable lids together bearing a recognisable coding sequence as defined in any one of the preceding Claims.
- 10 17. A method for applying two or more types of coating to an article, using a set of two or more spray guns as defined in Claims 1 to 14, each having a reservoir or a feed cup filled with a paint or fluid medium to be sprayed, each spray gun bearing a member of the recognisable coding sequence, comprising the steps:
- 15 a) applying the paint or fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun bearing the first member of the recognisable coding sequence;
- b) applying the paint or fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun bearing the second member of the recognisable coding sequence; and optionally,
- 20 c) applying the paint or fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun bearing the third member of the recognisable coding sequence; and optionally thereafter for further members.
- 25 18. A method for applying two or more types of coating to an article, using a single spray gun, and a set of detachable feed cups according to Claim 15, each detachable feed cup being filled with a paint or fluid medium to be sprayed,
- 30 comprising the steps:
- a) attaching the detachable feed cup bearing the first member of the recognisable coding sequence to the spray gun and applying the paint or fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun;
- b) attaching the detachable feed cup bearing the second member of the recognisable coding sequence to the spray gun and applying the paint or

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- fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun; and optionally,
- c) attaching the detachable feed cup bearing the third member of the recognisable coding sequence to the spray gun and applying the paint or fluid medium to be delivered by the spray gun; and optionally thereafter for further members.

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19. A set of two or more of spray guns substantially as described with reference to the description, drawings and claims.

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20. A set of two or more detachable-feed cups substantially as described with reference to the description, drawings and claims.

21. A set of two or more removable lids substantially as described with reference to the description, drawings and claims.